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SUBJECT: MUDAR BADRAN FORMS NEW GOVERNMENT

1. SUMMARY: PM BADRAN EVENING NOV 26 FORMED NEW CABINET (HIS SECOND) WHICH CONTAINS SEVEN NEW FACES AND A NEW MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIO, YOUTH AND CULTURE. REGIONAL ETHNIC, AND RELIGIOUS COMPOSITION (14 EAST BANKERS 5 PALESTINIANS, ONE CHRISTIAN AND ONE CIRCASSIAN) SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS CABINET (ONLY ONE MORE PALESTINIAN) WHILE TRIBAL REPRESENTATION STRENGTHENED. SIGNIFICANT PERSONALITY CHANGES INCLUDE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF JORDAN UNIVERSITY DR ABD AS SALAM AL MAJALI AS MIN EDUCATION AND MIN STATE FOR PM AFFAIRS AND TRANSFER OF MARWAN QASIM FROM LATTER POSITION TO IMPORTANT MIN SUPPLY. NEW CABINET REGARDED LOCALLY AS MOVE BY MADRAN TO CONSOLIDATE HIS OWN POSITION AS PM BY BRINGING INTO CABINET "HIS OWN" MEN. MOVE ALSO SEEN AS ATTEMPT TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH
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DOMESTIC PROBLEMS SUCH AS INFLATION

AND SUPPLY SHORTAGES END SUMMARY

2. PM BADRAN SUBMITTED RESIGNATION TO KING HUSSEIN
EVENING NOV 26 AND WAS IMMEDIATELY ASKED TO FORM NEW
CABINET. THIS SECOND BADRAN CABINET HAS SEVEN NEW
FACES, ONE MINISTER SHIFTED PORTFOLIOS AND FIVE LEFT.
A NEW MINISTRY (YOUTH AND CULTURE) WAS CREATED
AGRICULTURE AND SUPPLY MINISTERIES HAVE BEEN SEPARATED
NEW CABINET ROSTER FOLLOWS

A. MUDAR BADRAN PRIME MINISTER FOREIGN AND
DEFENSE MINISTER

B. DR ABD AS SALAM AL MAJALI (NEW) MIN
EDUCATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRIME MINISTERIAL
AFFAIRS. (JUDGING FROM HIS BEING LISTED SECOND IN
OFFICIAL CABINET LIST AND BEING POSITIONED NEXT TO
KING IN OFFICIAL PORTRAIT, MAJALI PRESUMABLY WILL ALSO
HOLD TITLE OF ACTING PM IN ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER.
PREVIOUS INCUMBENT OF MIN EDUCATION SLOT HINDOAWI
WAS ACTING PM IN BADRAN'S ABSENCE

C. ADNAN ABU ODEH MIN INFORMATION
(NOTE PREVIOUS TITLE OF "CULTURE" TRANSFERRED TO
NEW MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND CULTURE

D. DR MUHAMMAD AL BASHIR MIN HEALTH

E. GHALIB BARAKAT MIN TOURISM AND
ANTIQUITIES

F. AHMAD ABD AL KARIM AT TARAWNEH MIN JUSTICE

G SALAH JUM'A MIN AGRICULTURE

H HASAN IBRAHIM MIN RECONSTRUCTION AND
DEVELOPMENT AND MIN STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

I. ISAM AL AJLOUNI MIN LABOR

J. KAMIL ASH SHARIF MIN AWQAF ISLAMIC
AFFAIRS AND HOLY PLACES

K. MARAWN AL QASIM (PORTFOLIO SHIFTED) MIN
SUPPLY

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L SULEIMAN ARAR MIN INTERIOR

M ABD AR RA'UF AR RAWABDEH MIN
COMMUNICATIONS

N IBRAHIM AYOUD (NEW) MIN FOR
MUNICIPAL AND RURAL AFFAIRS
O SHARIF FAWWAZ SHAR (NEW MINISTER AND

MINISTRY) MIN YOUTH AND CULTURE
P DR NAJM AD DIN AD DAJANI (NEW) MIN
INDUSTRY AND CMMERCE

Q MUHAMMAD AD DABBAS (NEW) MIN FINANCE

R SAID BINA (NEW) MIN PUBLIC WORKDS

S. ALI AS SUHEIMAT (NEW) MIN TRANSPORT

3. BIO DATE ON NEW MEMBERS

A DR ABD AS SALAM AL MAJALI B. KERAK 1925
TO MOST PROMINENT FAMILY IN AREA BORTH OF ABD
AL WAHAB AL MAJALI HEAD OF PHOSPHATE COMPANY COUSIN
OF DECEASED PM HAZZA AL MAJALI AND FORMER CINC HABIS
AL MAJALI RECEIVED MEDICAL TRAINING IN YRIA LEBANON
AND LONDON UNIVERSITY DIROECTOR OR ROYAL MEDICAL
SERVICES 1960-67 (MAJ GEN IN JAA) PERSONAL PHYSICIAN
TO KING 1967-69 MIN HEALTH (3 TIMES) AS WELL AS
MIN STATE FOR PM AFFAIRS (1969-71) WAS HELD BY FEDAYEEN
BRIEFLY DURING 1970 FIGHTING. PRESIDENT JORDAN
UNIVERSITY 1971 JUNE 76 WAS IN RETIRMENET WHEN
APPOINTEMENT MIN EDUCATION. MARRIED TO AN ENGLISHWOMAN
ISA POOITICAL FOE OF FORMER PM ZAYD RIFAI.

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B. MAJ GEN (RET) IBRAHIM AYOUD CHRISTIAN
FROM IRBID (B 1926) RECENTLY RETIRED ASST COS
FOR ADMINISTRATION IN JAF GENERAL STAFF HQS
COMMISSIONED 2ND LT IN 1950 AYOUD ROSE STEADILY
AS SIGNALS OFFICER IN JAA TRAINED IN ENGLAND US
ARMY INFANTRY SCHOOL FT BENNING (1958) US ARMY
COMMAND AND GEN STAFF COLLEGE FT LEAVENWORTH
(1960) DEP DIR OF MILITARY TRAINING JAA 1964
DIRECTOR OF MIL INTELLIGENCE ARMY GENERAL STAFF 1964
PROMOTED TO COL Q 1965 BRIG GEN 1968 MAJ GEN 1973
WAS BRIEFLY MIN COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION IN
MILITARY GOVERNMENT 1970 WAS COS ROYAL
SIGNALS 167-74 ASST COS FOR ADMIN 74-76
MARRIED ONE CHILD INTELLIGENT AND EXTREMELY LOYAL
TO KING. FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO AMERICANS SPEAKS
GOOD ENGLISH

C. SHARIF FAWWAZ SHARAF--CURRENTLY DIRECTOR
YOUTH CARE CORPORATION B 1938 IN BAGHDAD TO IRAQI
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BRANCH OF HASHEMITE FAMILY (IS THUS DISTANT COUSIN
TO KING) BA DEGREE FROM AUB 59 STUDIES
AT INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE
BALTIMORE 62 JOINTED FOREIGN MINISTRY 62
1963-66 MEMBER OF JORDANIAN PERMANENT MISSION TO
UN SYG YOUTH CARE CORPORATION 166-74 DIRECTOR
YOUTH CARE CORPS 74 PRESENT IS DIVORCED FROM
SALI AL KHALIDI DOUGHTER OF THABIT AL KHALIDI
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO US ONE SON. IS BROTHER OF
CURRENT CHIEF OF ROYAL DIWAN SHARIF ABD AL HAMID
SHARAF SHAIR FAWWAZ IS CHARMING EXTROVERT
BUT DOMESTIC AND CAN BE ARROGANT. HIS TENURE AS HEAD
OF YOUTH CARE CORPORATION CHARACTERIZED BY ALLEGATIONS
OF CORRUPTIONS AND INDIFFERENCE TO RESPONSIBILITIES
OF HIS OFFICE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH

D. DR MAJMAH AD DIN AD DAJANI PROFESSIONAL
ECONOMICS AND CURRENT AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY AND
COMMON MARKET B 1928 IN JERUSALEM TO NE OF WEST
BANKS MOST PROMINENT FAMILIES BA IN ECONOMICS AND
STATISTICS FROM UNIV OF WALES 50 DIPLOMA IN
STATISTICS FROM INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE PHD
IN ECONOMICS FROM UNIV OF WISCONSIN 57 JOINTED JORDAN

DEVELOPMENT BOARD 57

CHIEF OF JDB PLANNING DIVISION 58 DIRECTOR

GENERAL OF BUDGET BUREAU IN MIN FINANCE 62 SYG

OF JDB 62 HIS MENTAL DEPRESSION FOLLOWOING 67

ARAB ISRAELI WAS RESULTED IN HIS REMOVAL FROM JBD

68 AND REASSIGNMENT TO MIN FOREIGN FFAIRS TO HEAD

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMOMIC AFFAIRS SECTIONS. WAS APPOINTED

AMBASSADOR TO BONN AND COMMON MARKET 71 HAS BEEN

FREQUENTL DELEGATE TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOOMIC COLLAQUIA

MARRIED CHILDREN CONSIDERED EXTREMELY COMPETENT

SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH

E. MOHAMMED AD DABBAS CURRENTLY DIRE

OF INCOME TAX DEPT OF FINA (HOLDING RANKS OF

UNDERSEC) B 1927 AT SALT BA FROM AUC MA IN

ECONOMIC UNIV TEXAS AID TRAINING IN ECONOMICS

AT UT 60-61 AND AT USC 64-66SOME GRAD WORK

TOWARD PHD AT WASHDC AREA UNIV DIRECTOR OF

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INCOME TAX DEPT SINCE 75 IS ALSO VICE CHAIRMAN

OF COMENT COMPAY AND PLAYS FORMAT ROLE IN OPERATION

OF PHOSPHATE COMPANY AND PLANS INFORMAL ROLE IN OPERATION

OF PHOSPHATE COMPANY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN FRMAING

JORDANS BUDGET LAW (EARLY 60'S) DABBAS

IMPATIENT AND ENERGETIC TENDS TO IMPLEMENT DECISIONS

BY HIMSELF RATHER THAN RELYING ON SUBORDINATES

HIS APPARENT OUTSPOKENESS IN OPENLY SUSPECTING

MANU OF TAX EVASION SEEMS TO HAVE MADE HIS NUMEROUS

ENEMIES. HE IS SAID TWICE TO HAVE REFUSED TO TAKE

MINISTERIAL POST UNDER FORM PM RIFA. MARRIED

SPEAKS GOOD ENGLIHS

F. SAID BINA CURENTLY UNDER SEC MIN

PUBLIC WORKS SHSHAN CIRCASSION B SUWIELLAH VILLAGE

29 HODL BS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING FROM BAGHDAD

UNIV 50 HAS SPENT ENTIRE CAREER IN VARIOUS PUBLIC

WORKS DEPTS IN JORDAN BALQA AND KERAK GOVERNORATES

1950' AJLUN DISTRICT MID '50S CHIEF OF

ROADS AND BRIDGES SECTION MIN PUBIC WORKS IN AMMAN

55-60 DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS SECTION AT MINISTRY

60-64 ASUMED PREWENT POSITION 64 BINO IS

PRIMARLY APOLITICAL TECHNICIAN WHO CAN CONVENIENTLY

FILL "CIRCASSIAN SLOT" IN CABINET HAS

VISITED SOVIET CAUCASUS SEVERA TIMES. BEING SHASHAN

BINO IS ANTO SOVIET BECAUSE OF STALINIST

DEPORATION OF HIS PEOPLE IN 1940'S MARRIED SPEAK

FAIR ENGLISH

G. ALI AS SUHEIMAT PRIVATE CONTRACTOR

(CIVIL ENGINEER) WHO OWNS HIS OWN FIRM "TECHNICAL SERVICES OFFICE". FORMER UNDERSEC MIN TRANSPOR
B KERAK 1932 BA IN CIVIL ENG FROM
CAIRO UNIV WORK AS CONTRACTOR IN SAYDI

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ARABIA FOR SEVERAL YEARS RETURNED TO AMMAN 70
TO JOIN NPC BECAME UNDERSEC MIN TRANSPORT
71 LEFT MINISTER 72 WHEN NADIM ZAROU BECAME
MINISTER ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF PERSONAL DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN SUBHEIMAT AND WEST BANKER ZAROU ASSIGNED TO
NPC BY ZAROU SUHEIMAT REFUSED TO GO PREFERRING TO
EESTABLISH HIS OWN FIRM HE IS LOCAL AGENT FOR JACOBS
CO (LOS ANGELOS) AND IS PARTNER IN CONSULTING FIRM
CHARGED WITH TASK OF DRAWING UP DESIGN FOR
JORDAN VALLEY HOUSING PROJECT. MARRIED CHILDREN SPEAKS
GOOD ENGLISH

5. REGIONAL RELIGIOUS ETHNIC AND TRIBAL MAKE UP
OF THIS CABINET APPEARS TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE. NEW CABINET HAS 14 EAST BANKERS AND FIVE

PALESTININS AS COMAPRED WITH 14 AND FOUR RESPECTIVELY
INFORMER CABINET AONE ONE CHRISTIAN
FORMERLY VACANT CIRCASSIAN SEAT IS NOT FILLED WHICH
WILL PLEASE CIRCASSIAN COMMUNITY IRRITATED BY RECENT
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RETIREMENT OF AMONG OTHERS DIRECTOR OF PSF LTG
ANWAR MOHAMMAD. TRIBES WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT SPARESE
REPRESENTATIONS OF THEIR NUMBER IN PREVIOUS BADRAN
CABINET SHOULD BE PLACATED BY PROMINENT PSOTIONS
GIVEN TO DR MAJALI (AS WELL AS RETENTION OF TARAWNEH
AND ADDITION OF KERAK AREA SUBHEIMAT REPRESENTATIVE)

5. CABINET CHANGE HASSEEN RUMORED FOR MONTHS AND
IS WIDELY REGARDED AS BADRANS ATTEMPT TO CONSOLIDATE
HIS POSITION BY REPLACING RIFAI APPOINTEES WITH "HIS
OWN MENT" IN FACE OF WIDESPREAD LOCAL PREDICTIONS THAT
ZAYD RIFAI WOULD BRETERN AS PM BY CHRISTMAS. MAJALI
FOR EXAMPLE IS WEIDELY KNOWN AS ARCH ENEMY OF RIFAI
PERSONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO CONTRIBUTED TO
MAJALIS DEPARTURE FROM PRESIDENCEY OF JORDAN UNIVERSITY
MUHAMMAD DABBAS CLAIMS THAT HE REFUSED TO SERVE IN A
RIFAI CABINET. CABINET CHANGE AS WELL FOLLOWS TEN
DAY (NOV 17-27) CLOSURE OF ASH SHAAB NEWSPAPER
LOCALLY PORTRAYED AS PUNITIVE MEASURE OF PART OF BADRAN
IN FACE OF EXCESSIVE CRITICISM OF DOMSTIC POLICIES BY
NEWSPEER IN PART FINANCED BY RIFAI AND HIS POLITICAL ALLIES
BAHJAT TALHOUNI AND ABD AL MUNIM RIFAI.

6. CHANGES SEEM ALSO RELATED TO REALZATION BY
BADRAN THAT SEVERE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS (WATER AND FOOD
DISTRIBUTION BOTTLENECKS TEACHER AND TRANSPORTATION
SHORTAGES INFLATION) REQUIRE ATTENTION TRAINED AT TECHNOCRATS
WHO UNLIKE HIS PREVIUS CABINET WOULD
WORK TOETHER AS A TEAM. SHIFT OF RISING STAR
MARWAN QASIM TO MIN SUPPLY POST WILL ENERGIZE POSITION
WHIC H AHS BEEN SPORADICALLY FILLED BY PREVIOUS
INCUMENT JUM'A WHO HAS BEEN PARTICALLY INCAPACITATED
BY HEART PROBLEMS. FORMER MIN FOR MUNICIPAL AND RURAN
AFFAIRS WAS WIDELY KNOWN TO BE INCOMPETENT IN AREA
THAT GOVERNMENT IS GIVING INCREASING ATTENTION TO
RETENTION OF HARD WORKING MIN LABOR AJLOUNI WILL BE
FAVORABLY REGARDED BY PUBLIC. INCLUSION OF RAWABDEH
AND SHARIF FAQQAZ IN CABINET HOWEVER WILL NOT HELP
PUBLIC IMAGE OF CABINET AND WILL NOT DAMPEN CRSTICISM BY SOME
THAT ROYAL FAMILY TOO INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT

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7. OVERALL CABINET CHANGES WILL REINFORCE POST
RIFAI TREND OF CONCENTRATING FOREIGN POLICY DECISION
MAKING ALMOST ENTIRELY IN PALACE AND STAFFING CABINET
ESSENTIALLY WITH TECHNOCRATS.
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